

## Call to Action Planning Group Meeting

2:30-4:00pm, GIAC

3/24/15

**Present:** Audrey Cooper, Phoebe Brown, James Ricks, George Ferrari, Jaimi Hendrix, Reed Steberger, Laura Burch, Roberta Wallit, Rit Gallucci, Marcia Fort, Sue Kittell, Sarah Chalmers Simmons, Joanne Cipola-Denis, Fabina Colon, Louie (last name?), Leslie Shultz, Dave McNamara, Larisa Camacho-Lillie, Joyce Spears

### NEXT PLANNING GROUP MEETING

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm-4pm @ GIAC**

*Regular meeting time will be every other Tuesday from 2:30pm-4pm*

**NOTE:** This meeting was chaired by Sarah. The secretary was Reed.  
We may want to consider a rotating of these duties at each meeting.

### Action Steps for next Planning Group Meeting:

- Create a list of questions for focus groups
- Identify the focus groups and who will reach out to them
- [Identify existing groups and who will reach out to them](#) (see end of minutes for breakdown)
- Update/Discussion on Civilian Review Board

### Update on work to develop Civilian Review Board:

- Laura and Jaimi have gotten agreement from the Mayor to attend a presentation by Frank Liberti of Rochester regarding the development of a review board with subpoena power.
- We did not get to complete this discussion and Laura would like to get a sense of whether we should try to get Frank down to Ithaca for a daytime or evening presentation
- There was also question about the necessity of the Mayor and Chief being involved in the conversation at this stage and it was clarified that Frank Liberti is insisting on this factor in order to come down.

### March 10<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting Debrief

#### What worked well:

- A lot of people showed up and many were very eager to get to work
- There seems to be energy/momentum something different about this discussion
- Food was great and childcare was provided

#### What do we want to add/change/do differently?

- The storytelling group worked well – it was for people of color and strong allies. Does this group need to carefully think about who attends in order to keep it a safe space?

- The group that showed up at the meeting was lacking folks of color, folks directly impacted by policing. The following two bullets follow from this.
- We need to improve outreach in a number of ways
  - More time to promote
  - More mediums of outreach—not just online. In person, fliers around town, fliers in mailboxes, etc.
- This group needs to use more methods of getting input and participation from folks directly impacted—not just large community meetings (in addition to large community meetings, which are getting some people to participate).
  - Focus groups
  - Door-to-door outreach
- We need to think about how we message/describe what this group does, and how that impacts the work and who's intended to be and actually included in the work. Race, racism, structural racism weren't mentioned.

### **Draft Group Goal**

Leslie: I've heard a thread of goal coming up. Take away the necessity of the police. As we begin to feel more powerful in the world, our reliance on the police goes away. This ties in to building up our own power. If we are developing a strategic plan, that could be the umbrella

### **Outreach: Focus Groups and working with Existing Groups**

- Our next job as a body is outreach. Assign ourselves to different focus groups. Take a lead.
  - Youth
  - Immigrant Group
  - People of Color
  - LGBTQIA+
  - Mental Health
  - Homeless
- Existing Spaces:
  - Loaves and Fishes
  - Rescue Mission
- Existing Groups
  - We should reach out to existing groups, rather than recreate existing groups
  - Satomi – Asian American (women's??) network
  - Marcia: We don't have to be at the existing groups, but we can think about what information we need